(b) what is the amount of profit earned by the corporation annually for providing such buses on hire basis to the schools ; and

(c) what is the duration of time for which these buses remain at the disposal of such schools everyday?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) 694 buses.

(b) Corporation does not earn profit on these operations.

(c) Average duration per trip is of one to one and half hours, depending on the route length.

Under-weighing of Export Shipments by International Airlines

961. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Airports Authority of India has been sustaining losses to the tune of crores of rupees every year due to underweighing of export shipment by international airlines;

(b) whether Government have investigated into it;

(c) if so, what are the details of losses suffered during the past five years;

(d) whether any action has been contemplated against the agents found indulged in such activities; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and what further steps Government propose to take to weigh the exact export shipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) It may not be correct to affirm that the IAAI has been sustaining losses to the tune of crores of rupees due to underweighing of export shipments.

(b) and (c) On the basis of sample checks done in this behalf, the incidence of revenue loss on account of under weighment has been negligible.

(d) and (e) whenever underweighing is detected the same is brought to the notice of concerned airlines for corrective action and penal charges are also levied

Influx of refugees from Bangladesh

962. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister (while talking to reporters) in the third week of January last, at the Agartala airport, expressed grave concern at the continuous influx of minority refugees from Bangladesh since early last year on two counts, namely, the burden of sheltering the large number of refugees and the reason of the coming of the refugees, *i.e.*, religious intolerance in Bangladesh; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to met the situation and with what results;

(c) by when an amicable solution is likely to be achieved; and

(d) whether Government propose to consider to rehabilitate those refugees on Tin Bigha to meet the increasing pressure on land; if so, what are the modalities thereof, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. An increasing trend in the number of members of the minority community entering India illegally has been noticed.

(b) and (c) Government are keeping a close watch on developments and would take all steps necessary to deal with the situation. No timeframe can be indicated.

(d) No, Sir. This would not be possible because India is committed to lease Tin Bigha in perpetuity to Bangladesh in pursuance of the Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement of 1974. In any case, the area of Tin Bigha is 178 m x 85 m which will hardly suffice to settle the thousands involved.

Air India Calendar for 1989

963. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government are aware of the case of Air India calendar for 1989—Air Tribute to the Traditional Indian Women costing millions of rupees;

(b) if, so whether persons responsible for issuing such a derogatory calendar were indentified and suitable action taken against them; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof including recovery of money, so spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Air India has brought out the 1989 calendar with the theme "A Tribute to Traditional Indian Women" at an estimated cost of Rs. 45 lakhs.

(b) and (c) There was inaccuracy in the caption of the picture appearing for the month of November, 1989. Action was taken to withhold the distribution of the calendar until corrective action was taken. Appologies were made both individually and publicly for the error. An investigation to determine the respon sibility has been instituted.

Offer of ICAO for improvement in navigational facilities at airports

964. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM b. pleased to state:

(a) whether International Civil Aviation Organisation has offered to provide assistance to India to improve navigational facilities at some airports in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to take the help of ICAO in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Technical Assistance